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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a surface of a food processing facility, said surface having to inhibit the growth of a first population of microorganisms disposed thereon on said surface, said method comprising:

(a) disposing (i) a biofilm an inhibitory composition comprising a second population of microorganisms selected from the group consisting of *Enterococcus durans* having ATCC accession number PTA-4758, *Enterococcus durans* having ATCC accession number PTA-4759, *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4760, and *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4761 containing a second population of microorganisms and/or (ii) a second population of microorganisms capable of forming a biofilm onto the said surface of the food processing facility; and

(b) inhibiting, wherein the growth of said first-second population of microorganisms on said surface inhibits the growth of said food processing facility with said second first population of microorganisms.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said first population of said microorganisms includes *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Claims 3-35 (Cancelled).

36. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the treated surface is a floor drain.

37. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the temperature of said treated surface ranges from 3°C to 29°C.

38. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the temperature of said floor drain ranges from 3°C to 29°C.

39. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said inhibitory composition comprises two or more microorganisms selected from the group consisting of *Enterococcus durans*

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having ATCC accession number PTA-4758, *Enterococcus durans* having ATCC accession number PTA-4759, *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4760, and *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4761.

40. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said inhibitory composition comprises three or more microorganisms selected from the group consisting of *Enterococcus durans* having ATCC accession number PTA-4758, *Enterococcus durans* having ATCC accession number PTA-4759, *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4760, and *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4761.

41. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said inhibitory composition comprises a biofilm having disposed therein a microorganism selected from the group consisting of *Enterococcus durans* having ATCC accession number PTA-4758, *Enterococcus durans* having ATCC accession number PTA-4759, *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4760, and *Lactococcus lactis* having ATCC accession number PTA-4761.